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The O'Gorman Knights pose with their runner-up trophy after their 33-7 loss to cross-town rival Washington in the state championship game.

Warriors roll past Knights

Zach Cole
Sam Jacobsen

The Knights started out the playoffs with two thrilling one point victories over the Watertown Arrows and Roosevelt Rough Riders.

"We were all pretty pumped up after both wins, especially because of how close they were," said senior corner Taylor Kneip.

The Knights carried their momentum into the championship game against cross-town rival, the Washington Warriors.

"Winning those two games real-

ly got us excited to go to the dome and try and carry our momentum as far as possible," said senior center Hayden Zeigler.

The game started off with a Washington touchdown that ended in a blocked extra-point by junior Sam Steffl.

The Knights showed signs of life after going three and out on their first drive.

Junior Wes Bednar gave the team a spark with an interception late in the first quarter.

"I saw Wes get up there and snag the pass out off the air getting back a little bit of momentum

for our offense," said Kneip.

The Warriors defense held the Knights to only three first downs in the first half.

The Knights defense however could not stop the up-tempo Washington offense allowing them 14 first downs by intermission.

The time of possession was not dominated by the Warriors, however, since they only had one minute more than the Knights in the first half of play.

"We had possession of the ball just like we had planned, but we just couldn't capitalize on the drives," said Zeigler.

The first half finally came to a conclusion with the Warriors tackling on another touchdown making the score 19-0.

The Warriors rolled in the third quarter with a five minute drive to lengthen the lead to 26.

The score came from a four yard touchdown run from Brandon Mohr of the Warriors.

The Knights offense remained stagnant throughout the third quarter.

"We just couldn't muster up much offense against the tough defense of the Warriors," said senior tackle Austin Whaley.

With hope about to fade the Knights offense finally got on the board with a late touchdown pass from Schaeffbauer to Tague bringing what would be the final score 33-7.

"I was glad that we ended up stopping the shut-out and did it with pretty nice play," said Whaley.

The season overall was a success with them taking home the state runner-up trophy.

The Knights success will not be down next year with many strong position players returning to try and make another run at the State Title.

Knights look to repeat for state championship

JR Stassi
Faith Co-Editor

The O'Gorman Knights basketball team looks to carry over their momentum from their previous season, when they ended with a 16 game win streak. This year, they're coming back to defend their title as state champions.

"This could be a very special year for the Knights," said head coach Derek Robey.

As defending champions, the Knights will look to achieve the overall goal of teamwork early in the season.

"We just want to take one game at a time and be in the hunt at the end of the year," said Robey.

Team success seemed to be the main priority just before the Knights went on the winning streak.

Although the Knights only lost three seniors last year, they lost a plethora of talent. The Knights went 19-5 under the leadership of the three seniors. Aside from losing Alex Robey, they also lost Mike Hardie, and Tom Wilka.

"We want to be as competitive as possible throughout the season, and we simply want to improve night in and



KNIGHT SCROLL

Sterling Nielsen brings up the ball against the Yankton Bucks.

night out," said Robey.

With Cedrick Lang in the post, the perimeter play of Keaton Moffit, and Sterling Nielsen, the Knights will have a diverse arsenal of scoring ability.

The Knights also have a large amount of talent coming off the bench.

"We have a great bunch of kids returning from last year's state champion-

ship team," said Robey.

The Knights are looking forward to their looming showdown with the back to back national champions Findlay Prep.

Findlay Prep is an international school that is located in Henderson, Nevada.

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Wrestlers look to continue past success in new season

JR Stassi
Zach Cole

The O'Gorman wrestling team has been hard at work on the mats, getting ready for the upcoming season.

"We have just been working out and getting in shape before the season," said senior Jacob Redding.

After a great season last year, the Knights return many strong wrestlers, including seniors Shawn Bell, Jacob Redding, and Thomas Johnson. Returning juniors include Tyler Peltier, Dylan Bakken and Ben Fichter.

The Knights are looking to enter the state tournament with more experience than last year, with two state place winners.

Tyler Peltier placed second in the 103 pound division, and Ben Fichter placed fifth in the 119 pound division.

After numerous seniors left last year, the lineup has numerous open spots.

This leaves the opportunity for underclassman to step up and wrestle in Varsity and Junior Varsity lineups.

The Knights finished 14th in the state under the leadership of the last years great seniors.

This year, like all years, the Knights wrestlers will look to be the best they can be and hopefully place at the state tournament.



The seventh edition of Harry Potter grossed over \$125 million in the first week. *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* is the finale to the series.

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Potter conjures up box office magic

Latest film brings in highest opening weekend for Harry Potter franchise

Ellen Nelson
Olivia Stebbins

Warning: this article contains spoilers for the seventh Harry Potter film. If you wish to be surprised when you watch the film, we suggest waiting to read it until after you've seen the movie.

We are unable to come to an agreement on a suitable rating for *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part One*. Olivia gave it a rating of three stars. Ellen, on the other hand, gave the film four stars. We each explained why we rate the movie as we did so that you may choose for yourself who you agree with.

Ellen's Review:

Every time a new movie is released many fans who have read the books complain about how much is changed in order to make the movie. However, with only a few exceptions, the seventh movie stays true to its origins.

There were only a few parts of the book that were noticeably missing in *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*.

One of these is the on-screen develop-

ment of the werewolf character, Remus Lupin.

In one of the early chapters in the book, Lupin visits the famous trio while they're staying at Grimmauld Place. Not only does he announce that his wife is pregnant, but he also asks if he can join them on their quest, though he doesn't know what it is.

In response, Harry yells at Lupin and insults him with the hope that he will go back to his wife and unborn child, rather than leaving his son without a father, a fate Harry doesn't wish upon anyone else.

Unfortunately, this scene is not in the movie, which denies the audience the opportunity that is provided in the book to become attached to Lupin before the tragic end of the novel.

The development of Harry and Kreacher's relationship is left out as well. On the other hand, scenes such as a new dancing-in-the-tent moment were added to better show Hermione and Harry's friendship which was.

In the past six movies of the series, moments and important facts have been removed to keep the pacing fast and to keep

the movie under seven hours.

However, this meant that moments were added to explain what the earlier movies left out. Some may see this as making this film slower paced, but I see it as a great way to build up for the next and final Harry Potter movie. No movie that is based on a book can be perfect.

Despite a few changes, part one of the seventh Harry Potter follows the books closer than any of the other Harry Potter films thus far.

For those who have already seen it or even those who don't think this movie is as good as the book, there's no denying that the effects were superb.

I'll admit that there are places in the movie that don't quite look as I have imagined, but in most places it turns out better than could be expected. I could probably obsess over everything that is different for a few more pages than I have space for.

So I'll end with this: for all those die-hard Harry Potter fans, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part One* is pleasingly comparable to the book. Though, naturally, it's not as amaz-

ing as the books.

Olivia's Review:

I give *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part One* a rating of three out of five stars. It stayed doggedly faithful to the book, which is sure to please die-hard fans of J.K. Rowling's work (such as Ellen).

I expected no less, seeing as director David Yates was allotted two and a half hours to cover roughly half a book.

For anyone who has read the book, you will know that in the first half of Harry's final adventure, the plot moves slowly, very slowly at times.

Pages and pages are spent on Harry and Hermione sitting in their tent, contemplating the mysteries of the still-to-be-destroyed horcruxes and wallowing in their own misery about the loss of Ron and their isolation from the rest of the wizarding world.

In following the book's storyline so closely, the movie loses some of the edge-of-your-seat action characteristic of the previous Potter films.

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From L to R: Harry follows a mysterious Patronus. Heromine Granger casts a protective spell. Harry shows Ron and Hermione something of interest.

Señor LeBrun entertains students daily with his own brand of humor

Shilpa Chandran
Katie Schwebach

Sr. Chad LeBrun brings a little bit of Spain into the halls of O'Gorman.

A Spanish teacher, LeBrun has one section of Spanish V at the high school as well as sections of exploratory and Spanish I over at the junior high.

"My favorite is Spanish V," said LeBrun. "The kids already know Spanish, and I don't really have to teach that much grammar."

"Sr. LeBrun has really helped improve my vocabulary with games like pictionary, charades, and survivor," said senior Jon Ermer. "He gets really into them, so it's fun."

In Spanish V, students are expected to read a variety of literature, ranging from poetry to novels.

A dose of music and history are incorporated, as well. Ultimately, the class encourages sharing the Spanish language with others.

"He has really made me understand why I loved Spanish in the first place," said senior Samantha Kappenman.

However, the selections they read are not all serious; they can be

comedic in nature as well.

"He has a really dry sense of humor, so getting him to laugh is a huge event in our class," said Ermer.

Laughter permeates LeBrun's classroom as the small number of Spanish V students, eight in total, bond over their mutual love of the language.

The source of this laughter is the heart of the class: Sr. LeBrun.

Originally from Chanhassen, MN, LeBrun lived there with his parents and older brother, Matt. After college, he decided to move to Sioux Falls.

Since much of his family lives in Pipestone, MN, the move was less of a drastic change than it might have been.

LeBrun experimented with numerous languages, including French and German, until he finally settled on Spanish during his senior year of high school.

"It was a lot of fun, and I had a really good teacher," said LeBrun.

Señor Silva was LeBrun's high school Spanish teacher who influenced him to pursue the language.

Upon entering Southwest Minnesota State University, LeBrun took an immersion program in



KATIE SCHWEBACH / KNIGHT SCROLL

Señor LeBrun plays a part in the popular classroom game "Circulo" with his Spanish V class.

Spain, where he cemented his love for the language.

"I went to Santiago for three summers," said LeBrun. "My favorite part was the food, especially the octopus, the cheese, and the bread."

Another life experience for LeBrun was "El Camino de Santiago," a pilgrimage in Spain.

An unknown fact to most is that LeBrun was Emergency Medical Technician for a time before he was molding minds in the class-

room.

Nonetheless, LeBrun always liked languages and found his true calling in teaching others.

Perhaps he will encourage his students to pursue the language once past the high school setting.

"I plan to minor in Spanish in college," said Kappenman.

"I truly believe that Spanish V and Sr. LeBrun have influenced and encouraged me in that decision."

Recently married, LeBrun now

lives happily with his wife and two dogs, Ash and Spark.

"If I were any animal, I would probably be a dog," said LeBrun. "They don't have to work; they sit around and take naps. When they're not naughty, they do nothing."

Ever the comedian, LeBrun entertains and reiterates the love of the Spanish language to all students that have the privilege of receiving his teaching.

Top ten ways to make your Christmas last an eternity

Frankie Maxwell
Zach Dresch

Here at the *Knight Scroll*, we take pride in knowing that gifts mean so much to you, the general public, especially when it comes to Christmas. We have some ideas on what you may or may not want to buy for this upcoming holiday.

1. Christmas CD's. By Christmas CD's, we don't mean Josh Groban's *Noel*, we mean actually legitimate music, such as the latest Weezer B-sides album, *Death to False Metal*. Also available is the latest Kanye West album, *My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy*. If you're not in the mood for that, you might want to get something else. If you're looking for older albums, check out classic albums such as the Beatles catalogue, or fan favorite albums The Who's *Who's Next* or The Clash's *London Calling*.

2. Christmas movies. We don't mean *Josh Groban: Live in Concert at Christmastime*, but strictly popular feature films. *Inception* is the obvious choice, while potential future cult classic films such as *Scott Pilgrim vs. the World* should be checked out as well. For classic films, you may want to pick up the *Star Wars* series, as well as the *Indiana Jones* series.

3. Christmas clothing. We know that typical clothing from JC Penney and Kohl's is the norm, but it's important to think outside the box. Get the Weezer Snuggie and a pair of skinny jeans and you'll be A-OK, homey.

4. Videogames (*Call of Duty: Black Ops*) ...Enough said. But seriously, a good chunk of teenagers these days play games like that, so

"If it's the thought that counts, get a gift that keeps on giving."

if you know your son/daughter likes shooting at zombies that are trying to kidnap the Batmobile, than you should give your kid the right to buy that videogame. It may not be the best thing for your child, but really, what videogame is these days?

5. Household appliances, such as Tupperware or something joyous. You never know if your significant other wants a *Black & Decker* power tool. If you don't have a significant other, then get a friend or relative something more

useful like a roll of *Chapstick*. It's important to keep chapped lips fresh during the dry, winter season.

6. Food. Maybe get some chocolate. Really, just go to your local grocery store. They usually have some good stuff.

7. Make a gift yourself... you never know what you can make. Zach prefers to make mixed CDs, while Frankie prefers making money to buy people stuff.

8. Get a Josh Groban CD, because let's face it: everybody loves Josh Groban.

9. *Knight Scroll* T-shirts are only \$10...limited supplies remain, so hurry!

10. Finally, the ultimate gift. A picture of Cameron Johnson is the perfect gift for anyone in your family.

We hope after reading this that you will consider getting something different for your relatives this Christmas. If it's the thought that counts, get a gift that keeps on giving. That will make your Christmas thoughtful for weeks on end.

That was cheesy, but it was from the heart. Don't mock that, because that's just mean if you meant to mock us.

Merry Christmas, everybody.

New fly system set to amaze thousands with new fly system

Alyssa Hanisch
Staff writer

As each piece falls into place, students and staff alike await the opening of the new performing arts center in the fall of 2011.

Not only will there be more seating, but viewers will also see a new fly space.

This new system allows up to seven or eight drops versus one drop in the auditorium.

Along with the additional seating, lighting, and improved sound production, the fly space has many benefits to it.

"It allows us to do more complicated scene changes, and opens up a bunch of new musicals that we have never been able to do before," said Ms. Teresa Fester, head of the theater and forensics department.

The new fly space will be able to free up a lot of space because of its ability to hold several scene changes.

The fly space will bring in backdrops for multiple scene changes.

By having more backdrops, it will permit the productions to have more accurate scenery, which will

allow better visualizations.

The type of fly space that will be installed is a counterweight.

The counterweights will be adjusted according to the weight of the scene.

Switching the counterweights and manning this new system will be the theater technicians.

Theater technician Michael Schulte is ready for training about the new fly system.

"Our director will be helping us learn about the new system," said Schulte.

The fly system is expected to be "easier for the sets," said Schulte.

The sets will be more expressive as well.

"The fly space allows you to rent more vivid backdrops," said Fester.

Plays that have had to be avoided in the past will now be able to be performed. There are many new plays the performers are awaiting.

A few of these plays are *Peter Pan*, *Sweeney Todd*, and *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

The Performing Arts Center is scheduled to be completed for the fall of next year.

Photo Survey: What is your favorite Christmas song and why?



Bekkah Ridder
"Chestnuts Roasting
On An Open Fire"
because I like it and
it's catchy.



Lizzie O'Connell
"Grandma Got Run
Over By A Reindeer"
because it shows
Rudolph's dark side.



Nate Cole
"The Chanukah Song"
because it's funny.



Michael Promes
"White Christmas"
because I love oldies.

Facebook Revolution: Embrace or Condemn?

Brad Entwistle
Contributing Writer

Unless you have been living under a rock for five years or your name is Elliott Czarnecki, you probably have a Facebook account.

If you are like me, Facebook is the first site you go to whenever you are within arm's length of a computer (unless it's during school because no one does that).

The popularity of Facebook is not surprising, now considering the popularity of the internet and the social nature of people. But should we embrace this Facebook revolution or condemn it?

According to hugspot.com, South Dakota has the largest number of Facebook users per capita of any state in the country.

I am thoroughly impressed with our state for finishing first in something; although we did finish in 17th place in a smartest state survey in 2007.

While at first glance the 31.1% mark may not seem too staggering, it is actually quite amazing.

People may think these numbers are inflated because of the high number of teens on Facebook, but actually women over the age of 55



are the fastest growing Facebook demographic in the world.

If current Facebook users remain active members and it remains the cool thing to do for the 8th graders of the world, the percentage of people with Facebook could rival the percentage of people who like chocolate pretty soon.

Currently Facebook is worth about \$11 billion and it is growing by leaps and bounds. Outside companies are paying an arm and maybe both legs to get a piece of the Facebook pie.

A Microsoft based company reportedly offered \$15 billion for a 1.6% stake in Mark Zuckerberg's creation. If the expected growth of Facebook becomes a reality, Facebook will become the largest privately owned company in the country.

Maybe if the sophomores had sold Mark a few magazines we could actually have our day off.

Facebook Addiction Disorder. This may seem like a joke, but as Chazz Michael Michaels once said when discussing his own addiction, "It's a real disease with doctors and medicine and everything."

Well maybe medicine is a stretch, but it is definitely a legitimate problem.

Some of the major symptoms of Facebook Addiction Disorder are neglecting all other obligations to be on Facebook, being unable to log off of Facebook, and feeling the need to check Facebook at all hours of the day.

For anyone who is seriously concerned, there is a test you can take for Facebook Addiction Disorder at causes.com

One of the main attractions of Facebook is it allows the user to feel connected to those around them.

The ability to be "friends" with someone simply by sending them a virtual request is both inviting and encouraging.

With Facebook, we all need to exercise restraint and make sure Facebook doesn't get too cocky. Remember what happened to MySpace? And Furbies?

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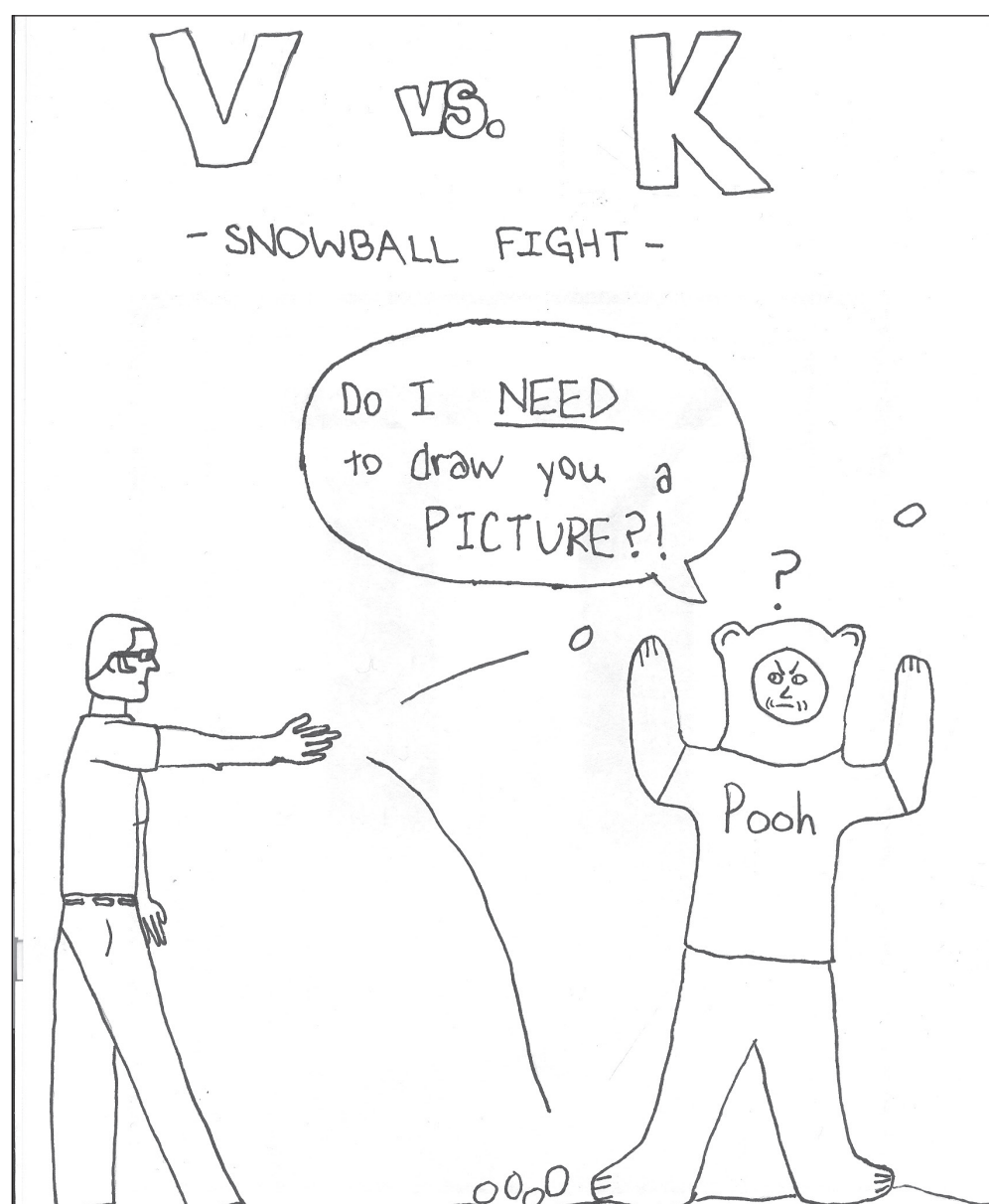
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Also, the school band will be using the multi-purpose room.

The security was also upgraded along with fire detection systems, and improved lights.

”The Saint Mary School families, parishioners, and supporters made this all possible,” said Tielke.

Both school and parish will actively use the new multi-purpose classroom.

It will accommodate large student presentations, school fundraisers and meetings, parish events and guest speakers.

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This latest installment of Harry Potter saw me walking out of the theater after the movie had finished, thinking, “Where was Snape? Where was Lupin?” The storyline is very adolescent-centered, focusing on Harry, Ron, and Hermione’s struggles so much that the beloved adult characters get pushed aside. However, this single-minded focus does allow the audience to understand the personal strain the famous trio is going through, which consequently gives the film a more expressive and emotional feel than the previous movies.

The last thing I’m going to complain about is the character of the iconic Harry Potter. Don’t get me wrong, it’s been a privilege watching he, Ron, and Hermione grow into their characters so fully since their debuts in Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone in 2001. But to me, the character of Harry Potter has gotten less lovable as he’s gotten older.

In the newest film, shortly after being

The early childhood students will be able to use the playground court which is bordered by buildings. It will have age-appropriate materials and also promotes safety and interactive play.

The school also has three playgrounds allowing the school to keep students within their age group during recess.

Some of the preexisting school buildings were slightly renovated to tie in the theme.

The design of the church entrance was spread all the way to the south entrance.

All the new classrooms and existing classrooms have Promethean Borders.

pulled out of a freezing pond, where he surely would have drowned, by his best friend Ron, Harry turns to Ron and demands to know where he’s been. He then commands Ron to destroy the horcrux inside the Slytherin locket. What the heck, Harry! No “Hey, you’re my best mate, I appreciate that you just saved me from drowning”? Not even a “Thanks for saving my life, Ron”? This is one area where the movie should have stayed closer to its literary origins. In the book, Harry is more compassionate. He goes so far as to hug Ron in thanks for saving his life. I’m not saying that the movie needed to get all mushy. But portraying Harry as even slightly grateful towards the people who left their lives behind to help him would have been nice.

I’m done complaining now. Like Ellen said, no one can deny that the effects of this newest Harry Potter film were astounding. The slightly wobbly but still professional camera work was very artsy, and the magic performed looked, as always, flawless. The action scenes, though few

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The showdown is made possible by the Knights being chosen to compete in the first annual Mike Miller Classic in Mitchell, South Dakota. The Knights play Thursday, Dec. 30 at 9:30 p.m.

The Knights will go on the road for the first time Dec. 16 when the Knights take on Sioux Falls Lincoln.

“We look forward to the many challenges and obstacles that come with each new season,” said Robey.

The state tournament is March 17-19.

and far apart, were riveting.

Although I may not agree with Daniel Radcliffe’s interpretation of Harry, the majority of the actors blow us away once again. Voldemort, played by Ralph Fiennes, is acted beautifully – in this latest film, he is frightening and controlling, while somehow managing to maintain a cool, almost polite surface.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part One was a movie that is, ultimately, forgettable. It rides on the coattails of its extremely successful \$6 billion franchise, providing a story that cannot stand without the previous movies and the promise of the one to come.

With the beginning of the end of Harry Potter comes the beginning of the end of our generation’s childhood.

While this newest film may have left some viewers disappointed, it also left them with the countless memories experienced throughout the years with Harry, and the promise of a final epic film that takes Harry and his friends, and us along with it, out of childhood.

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The day before the year anniversary of the first attempt, a Spanish priest tried to stab him with a bayonet, but the attempt was unsuccessful.

Pope John Paul II had always been very active during his lifetime, and even went for jogs in the Vatican gardens. However, in 1993 he fell and broke his right shoulder.

Several months later, he fell again and broke his femur. From that point onwards, he began to experience difficulty in hearing and slurred speech.

He was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease, but the Vatican administration kept it a secret until 2003, 12 years after he had gotten it.

He passed away on April 2, 2005, at the age of 84, with tens of thousands of people holding vigil for him in St. Peter’s square.

It was the largest gathering of heads of states in history. In attendance were four kings, five queens, at least 70 presidents and prime ministers, and more than 14 leaders of other religions. It was also the largest Christian pilgrimage in history, with four million mourners in Rome and between 250,000 and 300,000 people gathered inside the Vatican walls. Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI, conducted the ceremony.

In 2005, a nun was cured of Parkinson’s disease after praying for the intercession of Pope John Paul II, and he is now on the road to sainthood. Right now, he holds the title “venerable”.

Pope John Paul II is credited with numerous accomplishments, including helping with the fight against communism. He was the second-longest reigning pope in history, and was fluent in 13 languages. He beatifies 1,340 people and canonized 483 saints.

Pope John Paul II dedicated his life to being the servant of God and a leader of the people.

Merry Christmas from the Scroll Staff!



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